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1. The Trade and Supply Branch of the SMA Karlshorst has arranged the purchase by the Central Secretariat of Co-operative Societies of consumer goods to the value of more than RM 12,000,000 during the period July to December 1948.

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Comment: It is understood that these goods will be in addition to those already destined for the civilian market.)

2. The goods will be distributed to co-operative societies all over the Russian Zone and bartered by them for agricultural produce (namely meat, bacon, suet, milk, butter, and eggs), to be sold in their shops.
3. If the experiment is a success, it will be repeated on a larger scale for the first six months of 1949.
4. The goods are to be provided as follows:

- a. From Thuringia, to be released by the Intrazonal Trade Dept. of the Foreign Trade Administration, SMA Thuringia:

1212 radio sets	- exact value unknown
Electric materials	- to the value of RM 1,350,000
Electric equipment	- " " " " RM 30,000
Lighting equipment	- " " " " RM 140,000
Textiles	- " " " " RM 3,500,000

- b. From Saxony, to be released by the Intrazonal Trade Dept. of the Foreign Trade Administration, SMA Saxony:

Net curtains	to the value of RM 1,000,000
Textiles	" " " " RM 2,000,000
Socks and stockings	" " " " RM 2,000,000
Knitted goods	" " " " RM 1,630,000

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c. From Soviet Sector of Berlin, to be released by "Texta" GmbH:

Metal toys to the value of RM 250,000

☐ Comment: Texta GmbH is one of the so called "Auffangfirmen". They include K. Fuetting, Limportex, Balmorex, and Kegel GmbH.)

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